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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, mailed January 29, 2003, in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-9. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because the inventions of Group I and Group II encompass overlapping subject matter and could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden. Applicants note for the record that in the last official action the invention of Group I was characterized as being drawn to a prosthesis, however the invention of Group I is more accurately characterized as being drawn to a method of making a prosthesis. The Restriction Requirement additionally contained a requirement to elect a species. Applicants elect with traverse, and for search purposes only, collagen.